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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Nicosia Bureau -- July

I. GENERAL

A. Construction of the new bureau is continuing steadily, the focus now being on electrical work, interior plastering and door and window framing in the main building; completion of the outbuildings; and the ongoing work on the perimeter wall and the parking area. Bids for landscaping of the site will be solicited soon.

The project continues to excite occasional comment in the local press, the most recent being a report appearing in the 21 July edition of the communist party's KHARAVYI TIS DHEVTERAS citing AKEL Secretary General Ezekias Papaioannou's remarks on the U.S. construction of a "large radio-receiving espionage station near the Makarios stadium."

Ambassador Richard Boehm and DCM Tom Carolan visited the site for the first time on 10 July, in the company of Acting Chief [redacted] and RECD engineer [redacted]. The ambassador commented approvingly on the unorthodox design, noting that it provided both security and a sense of openness.

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B. Turkish press monitor [redacted] retired, for the second time, on 31 July, after a total of 35 years of service with FBIS. The occasion prompted a visit to [redacted] home by the bureau chief and deputy chief, who were rewarded with Turkish coffee, baclava, and an hour's worth of congenial professional recollections.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The Turkish Cypriots' 4-12 July closure of the crossing points to the north, in apparent response to political demonstrations at the crossing points by Greek Cypriots, effectively terminated the bureau's receipt of Turkish press material, processed by our monitor located in northern Nicosia. As a result, Tel Aviv Bureau and ELAAD were requested to assume coverage of the mainland Turkish press for the editions of 3-13 July.

The services of Tel Aviv and ELAAD were again called on at the end of the month to cover the two-week hiatus between [redacted] retirement and the mid-August assumption of duties by the bureau's new Turkish press monitor, arriving from Bahrain.

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2. The Paris AFP beam (ANB) monitored by Nicosia was "interrupted," first for 24 hours 10-11 July and again from 15-19 July, as a result of a "renewable" strike called by the press agency's unions in protest of a reorganization plan that would reduce AFP staffing levels. Following an agreement reached between AFP management and the unions on 19 July, our AFP service has suffered no further disruptions.

3. On 31 July, the bureau assumed responsibility for all agreed upon portions of Gulf Bureau's coverage, barring the Turkic language coverage to be picked up when our new Turkish press monitor is in place. The new coverage includes Doha Domestic Service, Dubayy domestic radio, the clandestine Radio Iran, early morning Tehran Domestic casts, and some Tehran IRNA Arabic.

B. Lateral Services

1. The regional security officer at the local embassy advised all bureau personnel to avoid Nicosia's Ledra Palace crossing point to the north on 2-3 July in light of Greek Cypriot plans to block the crossing point with demonstrations in protest of Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's visit to the northern sector of the island. When the Turkish Cypriots responded by closing all crossing points on 4 July, the bureau kept Embassy officers, who were holding emergency weekend meetings, apprised of Cypriot and Greek reaction and comment. Although the Turkish Cypriots announced that "new regulations" would govern entry and exit to the north following the reopening of their checkpoints on 12 July, the de facto crossing procedures for Embassy and bureau personnel remain unchanged to date.

C. Technical

1. The longstanding project involving installation of a 1350-foot beverage antenna at the bureau's remote site in Pissouri was completed this month, and has afforded significantly improved reception of signals from Lebanon. Trap filters were installed to eliminate signals from proximate transmitters, and grounding of the antenna was accomplished with the use of 24 100-foot radials at each pole.

III ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. [] arrived on 7 July to commence a 3-month editorial training TDY. STAT
2. Bureau Chief [] was off-island 10-15 July on annual leave. STAT
3. Arabic monitor [] and Persian monitor [] former members of Gulf Bureau's staff, arrived on 16 and 19 July respectively to assume monitorial duties at Nicosia. STAT
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4. Bureau secretary [] returned to work on 21 July following stateside R&R. STAT
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5. [] and family arrived PCS on 22 July. [] assumed duties as Middle East regional engineer on 30 July, replacing [] who departed Cyprus with his family on 29 July for assignment in Washington. STAT
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B. Visitors

1. [redacted] FBIS security officer, conducted two briefing sessions at the bureau, attended by all personnel, and made security checks of bureau staffers' homes on request during the week of 1-5 July. [redacted] departed for Jordan Bureau on 6 July.

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Bureau Chief
Nicosia Bureau

ATTACHMENT: Production Report

Nicosia Bureau Production Report for July 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	253500
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	86560
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	830

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	8970.00 min.	22260.00 min.	117.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

CHINA

Beijing in

Persian to Iran

0

CLANDESTINE (LEVANT)

(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in
Arabic

18660

(Clandestine) Voice of the Mountain in
Arabic

4830

CYPRUS

Nicosia Domestic Service in
Greek

11820

Nicosia Domestic Service in
English

0

*Nicosia Television Service in
Greek

650

Nicosia Cyprus MAIL in
English

640

Nicosia ELEVTHEROTIPIA in
Greek

800

Nicosia I SIMERINI in
Greek

660

Nicosia I SIMERINI tis DHEFTERAS in
Greek

0

Nicosia KHARAVYI in
Greek

990

Nicosia KHARAVYI tis DHEFTERAS in
Greek

300

*Nicosia O AGON in
Greek

240

Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS in
Greek

4090

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS tis DHEFTERAS in Greek			0
*Nicosia PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE in English			1420
EGYPT Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic	35920		
Cairo MENA in Arabic		46730	
Cairo MENA in English		5320	
FRANCE Paris AFP in English		14900	
GREECE Athens Domestic Service in Greek	12010		
Athens ATHENS NEWS in English			2150
Athens ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			4520
Athens I KATHIMERINI in Greek			2980
Athens KIRIAKATI KI ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			0
Athens RIZOSPASTIS in Greek			1070
*Athens TO VIMA tis KIRIAKIS in Greek			1260
IRAN Tehran Domestic Service in Persian	2500		
IRAQ Baghdad in Persian to Iran	0		
LEBANON Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic	41290		

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
*Beirut Domestic Service in English	650		
Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic	21830		
*Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic	120		
Beirut Voice of National Resistance in Arabic	3910		
Beirut Ihdin Radio of Free & Unified Lebanon in Arabic	410		
Beirut AL_NAHAR in Arabic			1520
Beirut AL_SAFIR in Arabic			1220
Beirut MONDAY MORNING in English			0
LIBYA			
Tripoli Domestic Service in Arabic	1630		
TURKEY			
Ankara YANKI in Turkish			0
*Istanbul BULVAR in Turkish			0
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			600
Istanbul DUNYA in Turkish			0
Istanbul GUNAYDIN in Turkish			520
*Istanbul GUNES in Turkish			150
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			1090
Istanbul MILLIYET in Turkish			900
Istanbul TERCUMAN in Turkish			1120
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Greek to Cyprus	0		
Moscow in Persian to Iran	2080		